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SUBJ: VISIT OF KUWIAT RULER TO EGYPT

SUMMARY: KUWAITI AMIR HAS COME AND GONE, APPARENTLY LEAVING EGYPTIAN BEGGING BOWL EMPTY. VAGUE COMMUNIQUE HINTED NEITHER AT POSSIBLE PLEDGES OF FUTURE KUWAITI ECONOMIC AID NOR POLICIAL SUPPORT FOR SADAT AT RABAT. END SUMMARY.

1. KUWAITI RULER ARRIVED EGYPT OCT 19 FOR STATE AND SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE VISIT, DEPARTING OCT 25 FOR RABAT. AMIR FOLLOWED USUAL HEAD OF STATE PROCEDURE: EXCHANGE OF STATE DINNERS WITH SADAT, TRIPS TO CANAL WARFIELDS, TOUR OF ALEXANDRIA AND NEARBY RESORTS, MEETING WITH KUWAITI STUDENTS AND VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA NAVY COLLEGE. OFFICIAL TALKS WERE HELD BETWEEN TWO SIDES, BUT PRESS DID NOT GIVE EVEN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION. COMMUNIQUE PROVIDES ONLY PUBLIC CLUE AS TO WHAT WAS TALKED ABOUT.

2. PRESS AND PHOTO COVERAGE WAS GOOD, BUT DID NOT COMPARE WITH THAT GIVEN TO FAISAL OR EVEN QATARI AMIR EARLIER THIS
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YEAR. AS IN CASE MOST RICH ARAB HEAD OF STATE, MINRECONSTRUCTION

AND DEVELOPMENT OSMAN WAS DESIGNATED HEAD OF MISSION OF HONOR.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED OCT 25 SEEMS TO US TOTALLY EMPTY OF SUBSTANCE. FOLLOWING ARE SALIENT POINTS.

A. BOTH SIDES ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

B. THEY AGREED NO ME PEACE IS POSSIBLE UNLESS ISRAELI OCCUPATION IS TERMINATED AND UNTIL LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO THEIR

HOMELAND AND TERRORISM ARE FULLY RESTORED.

C. THEY AGREED THAT ISRAEL, BY CHALLENGING RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT WHICH MAY DEVELOP (WHICH MAY THREATEN WORLD PEACE).

D. THEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH UNGA PALESTINE RESOLUTION.

E. THEY DISCUSSED STEPS TAKEN TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ARAB SOLIDARITY AND MOBILIZE ARAB POTENTIAL TO CONFRONT IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST CHALLENGES.

F. THEY EXPRESSED HOPE ARAB SOLIDARITY DURING RAMADAN WAR WILL BE REPEATED IN ALL FIELDS AND WISHED RABAT SUMMIT EVERY SUCCESS "TO SERVE NATIONAL INTEREST AND UNITY OF ARAB NATIONS".

G. THEY EXPRESSED ADHERENCE TO UN CHARTER AND ESPECIALLY PRINCIPLES DEALING WITH LIQUIDATION OF IMPERIALISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

H. SADAT ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT KUWAIT NEXT FEBRUARY.

4. COMMENT: WHERE, EGYPTISN WILL BE ASKING, IS KUWAITI MONEY? THERE MAY, OF COURSE, BE SECRET AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, BUT WE ARE UNAWARE OF IT. IN FACT, PRESIDENT SADAT'S OCT 23 ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT CONTAINED A PHRASE WHICH MAY WELL HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT HIS WEALTHY GUEST: -ARMANENTS, " THE PRESIDENT SAID, "ARE EXPENSIVE". IF WE CAN JUDGE BY THE COMMUNIQUE, THE TWO SIDES AGREED ON VERY LITTLE. WE ASSUME GOK MAY HAVE TRIED FOR SOME LANGUAGE SUPPORTING HIGHER OIL PRICES, AND GOE MAY HAVE SOUGHT STRONG LANGUAGE RE NEED FOR ARABAS TO MEND THEIR FENCES AND COMPROMISE TO ACHIEVE REAL ARAB SOLIDAIRTY. GOE, OF COURSE, IS VERY AWARE THAT KUWAIT ACTS MORE LIKE APPENDAGE OF PLO THAN INDEPENDENT VOTING PARTY AT ARAB SUMMITS, SO PROBABLY EXPECTED LITTLE ANYWAY. SAUD EMBOFF TELLS US THAT EGYPTIAN STATE DINNER FOR AMIR WAS OVER IN LESS THAN AN HOURS AND THAT HEAD TALBE WAS ALMOST TOTALLY SILENT THROUGHOUT. SAUDIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HERE FEEL AS WE DO THAT SADAT, FACED AS HE IS WITH TWIN PROBLEMS OF COMESTIC ECONOMIC CRISIS AND BRINGING PALESTINIANS TO HEEL, MAY WELL HAVE BEEN IRRITATED BY KUWAITI DISINCLINATION TO HELP HIM SOLVE EITHER PROBLEM.
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